

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 46 – HB 489

March 27, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education to modify uniform high school grading systems to allow for the awarding of pluses and minuses on letter grades. Requires the new grading system to be established for all public schools beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the State Board of Education, this bill will have no fiscal impact on the Board.
- Modifications to the current high school grading system could result in some students being awarded Hope Scholarships that do not meet academic requirements under current law, and some students becoming ineligible who would have qualified for Hope Scholarships under current law.
- Based on information provided by the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, and the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), any net change to the number of students being awarded Hope Scholarships is estimated to be not significant. As a result, no significant impact on the Lottery for Education Account.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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